

## ABSTRACT

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The present invention relates to devices intended to ease and speed construction. In particular, the present invention is related to providing a means for laying out construction members or framing members at a fixed distance interval from one another. The construction layout stripping of the present invention comprises: first, a pliable, non-elastic elongated base; and second, repeating units disposed on the base, the repeating units having a plurality of pairs of a defining upright thereon at fixed intervals, each pair of uprights defining a partition for receiving a specified size of framing member. The construction layout stripping of the present invention allows construction elements to be built of various sized construction members spaced apart at fixed intervals without the need to measure and mark the spacing, and the present invention also holds those members in place while they are fixedly attached to the construction element. In a preferred embodiment, the construction layout stripping has spaces for receiving, but not limited to, 1  $\frac{5}{8}$ ", 3  $\frac{5}{8}$ ", and  $\frac{1}{2}$ " framing members on, but not limited to, either 16" or 24" centers using the same construction layout stripping. The construction layout stripping has cutting ribs defined thereon which make cutting off a desired length of the construction layout stripping easier by defining channels through which a utility knife is passed to cut off the construction layout stripping. The present invention may be provided with any desired unit of spacing, or partitioned using any system of measurement (e.g., metric or U.S.) for any size of construction element.